THE CASE OF THE CITY OF Londonderry in Ireland.

THE City of *Londonderry*, ſince it was firſt Built, has been always a Refuge and Defence to the *Proteſtants* in that Kingdom, and very Fatal to their Enemies, as by many Inſtances might be ſhewn. It was remarkably ſo in that long, Bloudy War which began there in the Year 1641. when ſo many Thouſand *Proteſtants* were barbarouſly Maſſacred and Deſtroyed by the *Iriſh* all over that Kingdom; no other Place of Note, beſides *Dublin*, in all *Ireland*, held out for the *Proteſtants* at that time, of whom it ſaved many.

IT has been Eminently ſo again on this late Happy Revolution, as cannot be forgotten; Nor of what Importance its Services and Sufferings were to theſe Kingdoms, and the *Proteſtant* Intereſt; That when all lookt Deſperate in *Ireland*, the whole Kingdom, the Sword, and all Power in *Popiſh* Hands, the *Proteſtants* all diſarm'd and diſcourag'd, and a General Maſſacre of them *all greatly fear'd, and believ'd very nigh them*, as before in 1641.

Londonderry, tho in a weak Condition, and ill provided at that time, yet to ſave what it could in ſuch Danger, was the Firſt Place that appear'd in that Kingdom, laid all at Stake, and gave the Firſt Check to the *Popiſh* Power there, when it ſhut up its Gates againſt them, on the Seventh of *December* 1688, and ſtood from thence-forward on its Defence, till the end of the Siege, the laſt Day of *July* 1689, about Eight Months together, and near Four of them, in that Memorable Siege, wherein the Great GOD ſo ſignally own'd it, in its wonderful *Preſervation* and *Defence* againſt all poſſible Diſcouragements, the Charge of all which it bore on its Own Head, which it has ſunk under to this day.

IT was Fatal to the *Iriſh* every way, it broke all their Meaſures, and ruin'd all their Deſigns, and ſo Baffl'd and Conſum'd the beſt of their Troops, as they never after retriev'd it. It ſtood in the Gap for theſe Kingdoms, and prevented the coming over of all thoſe *Iriſh* and *French* Forces, with what had enſued, and made the Reduction of *Ireland* far more eaſie and cheap, than it could otherwiſe have been. It kept a Footing in that Kingdom, which had been otherwiſe quite loſt, and ſaved many *Proteſtants* that fled thither for Refuge.

Its Loſſes, Diſburſements and Dammage by all this, (beſides Perſonal Sufferings, hardly to be expreſt) has been exceeding great, and of a ſingular and extraordinary Nature, and amounted (as on a moderate Computation appear'd) to the Sum or Value of about 30000 *l.* Sterling, (the ruin'd Houſes by the Siege being about one half thereof) by all which it has been reduced to a poor and ruinous Condition, as is ſtill too apparent, and having lain under its Miſeries ſo long, till the Wars are now ended: In hopes of finding then the happy Effects of what it has undergone, Does by its Petition, in the Name of the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens thereof, to this *Honourable Houſe of Commons*,

PRAY That its Caſe and Sufferings may be taken into Conſideration, and ſo laid before His Sacred Majeſty, for the Petitioners effectual Relief in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, As They in Their Great Wiſdoms ſhall think meet.